

construction. For this purpose, Model Rent Control Legislation was laid on the Table of both the Houses of Parliament in July, 1992. It was circulated to all the State Governments in July, 1992 itself. The State Governments were advised either to amend their rent laws or to enact new rent legislation on the basis of Model Rent Control Legislation. Most of the State Governments have already initiated action in this regard.

For Delhi a revised act viz. Delhi Rent Act, 1995 has been enacted in place of the Delhi Rent Control Act, 1958 (as amended from time to time). The new Act is yet to be brought into force. The new Act is also proposed to be amended for which Delhi Rent Act (Amendment) Bill, 1997 was introduced in the Rajya Sabha on 28.7.1997. The new Act, with amendments, will be brought into force after the Amendment Bill is passed by both the Houses of Parliament and assented to by the President.

Funds for 24-Hour NE Channel

*329. SHRIMATI BASANTI SARMA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that no fund has been allotted to the new 24-Hour North-East Channel in the current financial year;
- (b) if so, the reasons there for;
- (c) how much funds is expected to be allocated to the 24-Hour North-East channel of Doordarshan in the next financial year 2001-2002;
- (d) of the total amount, how much money will be provided for infrastructure development and how much would be for programme production; and
- (e) whether all the programmes of this channel would be in-house production or would also be given to outside producers?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) and (b) Prasar Bharati has informed that no separate funds are provided for running Satellite Channels. During- the current financial year, an

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amount of Rs. 8.51 crores has been allotted to different Doordarshan Kendras in the North-East, for producing programmes for telecast through the North-East Channel as well as local telecast.

An amount of Rs. 4.2 crores has been released in February, 2001 from the non-lapsable pool for production of software.

(c) and (d) For the year 2001-2002, the projected requirement of funds for the North-Eastern Region is Rs. 43.50 crores under Capital, out of which Rs. 26.75 crores is for Doordarshan, and Rs. 10.06 crores under Revenue, which is entirely for Doordarshan.

(e) Prasar Bharati has intimated that programmes produced in-house as well as those produced by outside producers are being, and would continue to be, telecast in the North-East Channel.

Action plan for reducing poverty

*330. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have recently formulated any comprehensive action plan for reducing poverty and developing a community-based service in the country through massive development programmes in the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) and (b) This Ministry has been implementing a specific programme for the alleviation of urban poverty called "Swarna Jayanti Shahari Rojgar Yojana (SJSRY)" with effect from 01.12.1997 on all India basis to provide gainful employment to the urban unemployed or underemployed poor (i) through encouraging the setting up of self-employment ventures by those who have read upto 9th standard and (ii) through provision of wage employment for construction of socially and economically useful public assets. This programme relies on creation of suitable community structures and delivery of inputs through the medium of Urban Local Bodies (ULBs) and such Community Structures (CSs). This programme is funded in the ratio